

## IN THE SOCIAL REALM

The nearly gates of paradise  
Swing wide on Christmas morn,  
And once again in human guise  
The Christ is born.

He lives in every loving word  
In each real gift we bring;  
Again the sleeping world is stirred,  
And angels sing.

O purple plains, O starlit steeps,  
O kindly diadem,  
Each faithful heart forever keeps  
Its Bethlehem.

## It's Bethlehem.

Once more in the cycle of years Decem-  
ber has come, bringing with it the  
great Christmas festival when the  
hearts of all people North, South, East  
and West, are inclined more than at any  
other time to joy and gladness.  
It is a wonderful thing to realize that  
wherever the steps of civilization have  
turned there will be kept the celebration



MISS MAJORIE KNOWLES.

Miss Knowles, who has been abroad for a year, studying to improve her beautiful voice, under the direction of Mrs. Morris Black, of New York, is now spending some time with Mrs. Black, in London, and is enjoying every moment of her visit. Miss Knowles, who is a native of Richmond, is a member of the Art Guild, and is a devotee of the opera. She is a wonderful singer, and her voice is of a rare quality. She is a member of the Art Guild, and is a devotee of the opera. She is a wonderful singer, and her voice is of a rare quality.

Miss Knowles' voice, always of the finest quality, has strengthened and gained in power of expression during her European study. She has had the opportunity of meeting many titled people and musical critics of the highest reputation, who have heard her sing and encouraged her with warm praise. At present Miss Knowles is confining herself to America with Mrs. Black in the spring. She will spend some time in New York and will probably reach Richmond about Easter.

of the Christ-child's birth—a wonderful and a blessed thing for the world has need, in the midst of its money-getting, its striving, its jostling and its hurrying to pause for a holiday.

Were it otherwise the world might become so self-absorbed as to forget how to laugh, and all the world laughs at Christmas. Whatever it may be that brings the laugh, whether the merriment of little people around their Christmas tree, or the pungent bitter-sweet of holy, mistletoe, and pine; whether the renewal of family ties and the gathering again of familiar faces around the Christmas board, or the happiness that returns fourfold to the giver of happiness; whether any of these things or all of them together, it matters not, so long as eyes are bright and smile answers smile in the thought that:

"The wind is chill,  
But let it whistle as it will,  
We'll keep our Christmas merry still."

Christmas is the centre around which clusters the legends and traditions of centuries. The holy which from time immemorial has crowned the Christmas feast and symbolized the season is said to be the birth of Jesus, who appeared to Moses. The flame which then enveloped it is supposed to still burn brightly in its berries which glow their brightest at Christmas.

The mistletoe furnished from its wood the arrow by which Balder, the Apollo of the North, was slain, but when in answer to the prayers of the gods and goddesses, Balder was restored to life, the mistletoe was given into the charge of the goddess of love who still stands holding it aloft. Every one who passes beneath it receives a kiss to show that the branch is the emblem of love and not of death.

## The Monday German.

The Monday Club opened the season in brilliant fashion at the Masonic Temple last Monday evening, everything contributing to render the first German a delightful one.

The German was led by Colonel John Leno Stern. Decorations were in Christmas colors, holly and ivy, and American flags were supplied the needed touches of color. The supper, directed by Moesta, was a triumph of culinary art.

Among the pretty debutantes who were present were Miss Gladys Frazier, Miss Lillian Bluff, Miss Louise Herbert, Miss Laura Rutherford, Miss Carrie Armstrong, Miss Sophie White, Miss Edith Grant, Miss Louise Purcell, Miss Ruth Hubbard, Miss Annie Talbot, Cent-of-town visitors included Miss Steele of Philadelphia, and Miss Borden, of New York.

Chaperones of the season are Mr. and Mrs. Levin Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bolling, Jr., Mrs. James Allison, Mr. and

Mrs. Eppa Hunton, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fells, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. D. Myers, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Willis and Mrs. Thomas H. Leary.

Gentlemen dancing were: Mr. C. J. Anderson, Mr. J. R. J. Anderson, Mr. J. L. Antrim, Mr. E. C. Mayo, Mr. W. S. P. Mayo, Mr. George M. Reid, Mr. E. J. Willis, Mr. J. E. Palmer, Mr. William H. Palmer, Jr., Mr. W. G. Ferguson, Mr. E. O. McCabe, Mr. R. B. Campbell, Mr. John Currie, Mr. David Currie, Colonel Jo Lane Stern, Mr. Thomas Bolling, Jr., Mr. A. C. McKenney, Mr. Levin Jones, Mr. Joseph E. Willard, Mr. J. S. Bryan, Mr. E. T. D. Myers, Jr., Mr. F. B. Blankenship, Mr. W. O. Young, Mr. Jonathan Bryan, Mr. J. W. Graves, Mr. Allen Fells, Mr. W. Douglas Gordon, Mr. E. T. Harrison, Mr. L. T. Myers, Mr. A. W. Weddell, Mr. W. B. Claiborne, Mr. L. W. Brander, Mr. J. P. Leary, Mr. Hugh Skipwith, Mr. P. St. George Cooke, Mr. John M. Walker, Mr. J. T. Rutherford, Mr. W. C. Noland, Mr. Felham Blackford, Mr.

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Waist of Damask, Satteen or Flannel, the choice of many styles, excellent values, and well worth \$1.25.

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White and Black Silk Handkerchiefs, broad and plain, wide outer borders, 75c. to \$2.38.

## For Women.

Women's Plain White Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, 5c.

Women's Fancy Handkerchiefs, with embroidered edge, hemstitched and lace trimmed, 12 1-2c., 25c. and 50c. each.

## A Popular Gift is Infants' Caps, Bonnets or Cloaks.

An assortment of fine Caps, in every style—flat, full or single, with trimmings of lace, ribbon or chiffon, that sold up to \$2, for..... 79c

White Silk Caps of hemstitched tucks, with soft double ruche of chiffon, silk lined..... 98c

China Silk Caps, French effect, with shield of Val lace and fine tucks, finished with small roses of ribbon on side of shield and single ruche of chiffon, for..... \$1.25

Children's Bonnets of white or pink silk, old rose or black velvet, with shirred facings and trimmings of white chiffon, large flared fronts and full shirred crowns, with stylish ribbon trimmings—\$3.98 and..... \$2.98

## A New Coat Story.

The new prices tell the story of possible possession, whereas, last week many of you could not touch them. They're all the top notch of fashion, beautifully tailored and make excellent Xmas gifts.

## \$2.50 Girl's Rafer now \$1.69.

Of warm and serviceable Melton Cloth, double-breasted, turn-back cuffs, sizes 6 to 14 years; colors, red, blue and tan.

## \$4.95 Velvet Coat's now \$2.98.

Walking Coats, of best quality Velveteen, large round collar trimmed in cream lace and stitched in white, to fit children 2 to 6 years.

## \$6.75 Long Coats now \$5.00.

Coat of heavy Melton, in navy and castor, large cape trimmed in straps of cloth buttons and soutache braid, large sleeves; an excellent school coat for misses from 6 to 14 years.

## Good Furs—Moderately Priced.

Moderate price, but dependable Furs—that's the point for all. You may not understand the choosing of Furs, but you take no chances by buying from us. Here they are and all bargains hardly to be reproduced at this price.

Ladies' Short Neck Scarfs in brook mink, with six fox tails and chain fastening, light or dark, \$1.75 and..... \$2.38

Neck Scarfs, in sable opossum and brown hare, with six tails and chain fastening, \$2.25 and..... \$3.98

Scarfs, in imitation mink, with broad ornaments and chenille ends, also long flat stole, with double collar in brook mink, \$5.98 and..... \$6.98

Sable Opossum Scarfs, lined with satin and brook mink stole, double fur, with six tails; namment, for \$7.50 and..... \$9.00

## \$7.50 Women's Coats now \$5.00.

Made of good quality Kersey, in castor, brown and blue, fancy cape trimmed in folds of satin and brass bullet buttons, new sleeve and turn-over collar.

## \$10.00 Women's Coats now \$6.98.

Of fine Kersey, in castor and black, military cape, trimmed in straps and buttons, new sleeve, silk lined throughout.

## \$15.00 Corset Coat now \$12.80.

Of Imported Covert, with broad lapped seams, coat sleeves, velvet collar, lined throughout in heavy satin, strictly tailor made.

## Remarkable Suit Bargains.

Now is the time to select a Suit, for while the sizes are not all complete in every style, the great reduction in prices is such that you can pick up quite a dressy garment at many dollars less than you could last week. Don't miss the opportunity; any one of our specials would make most acceptable gifts for either wife or daughter.

## \$5.98 Girl's Suits now \$3.

Blouse Suits of good quality blue cheviot, large sailor collar, trimmed in white braid, embroidered emblem on sleeve and shield. A very useful dress for children from six to twelve years.

## \$8.75 Misses' Suits now \$7.50.

Peter Thompson, of best cheviot, new blouse, trimmed in black braid, embroidered emblem on sleeve, two shields, one blue and one white, very nobly suit for misses from ten to sixteen years.

## \$10.00 Russian Blouse Suits now \$8.80.

Of very fine English serge, large collar, trimmed in black braid, embroidered sleeve, double breasted front, trimmed in gilt buttons, white kid belt; an extremely becoming garment for children from four to twelve years.

## \$18.50 Suit for \$12.50.

of Brown Mixed Scotch Tweed, collarless blouse, long peblum; trimmed in fancy braid and buttons; jacket, satin lined; new skirt, pleated from knee.

## \$20.00 Suit now \$18.00.

Suit of rough blue and red mixture, neck inlaid in stitched taffeta, stitched taffeta skirt, blouse silk lined, pretty flare skirt.

## \$25.00 Suits now \$20.00.

Suit of English Covert Cloth; straight tight fitting Coat, close fitting skirt; strictly man-tailored Jacket; satin lined.

## Dressy Petticoats.

Black Taffeta Petticoats, accordeon pleated ruffles, an excellent value at \$5.00. Better qualities in black and colors, from \$7.00 to..... \$20.00

At 98c Mercerized Underskirt, deep flounce and hem-stitched ruffles; also black and white striped or polka-dot skirts, deep accordeon pleated flounce, trimmed with wide bands and hemstitched ruffle at foot.

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At \$2.75 Mercerized Satteen Underskirts, fine quality, deep flounce, trimmed with four narrow hemstitched ruffles, an underneath narrow dust ruffle.

## Umbrellas.

## WITH DRESSY HANKLES.

Ladies' Nice Quality Twill Umbrellas, with natural wood handles, some mounted in nickel, 98c. to..... \$2.98

Ladies' Taffeta Umbrellas, on the best frames, with pearl or silver handles, \$5.00 and..... \$3.50

Gentlemen's Umbrellas, in union or selvedge taffeta or peau de sole, with popular shaped natural wood handles, some metal capped, others in gold or silver, from \$1.25 to..... \$5.00

## Fourth and Broad Streets. Kaufmann &amp; Co. Fourth and Broad Streets.

Zirkle. The large bay-window, with its draperies, palms and lamps, was beautifully arranged for a dramatic reading. The subject was "Portia," and included the Portia scenes, such as the banquet scene, selections from the casket scenes, the trial scene and the beautiful lyric scene of the last act.

Miss Auspugh's comments "between the scenes" were interpretative of Portia's character.

The third reading in the course will be given January 10th, 1909.

The ladies who compose the Chimborazo hospital board will give a "Progressive Flinch" party in the parlors of the Virginia Club, January 7th, 1909, from 8:30 to 11 o'clock.

The admission fee of twenty-five cents will entitle each person to take part in the game and be served to cake and cream.

Decorations will carry out the Christmas theme in color, and everything possible will be done to promote the enjoyment of all present.

During this week, and continuing to January 1st, an exhibit of pupils' work—including the work done in Miss Fitch's classes and that in the arts and crafts department—will be held in the rooms of the Richmond Art Club, corner of Madison and Fowles Streets, and the public is cordially invited to call each day after 10 o'clock A.M. and go through the rooms.

In the arts and crafts department will be found many artistic and beautiful bits suitable for Christmas gifts, and very unique in design and development.

## At the Woman's Club.

The Woman's Club will have the great pleasure of being addressed to-morrow afternoon by Dr. Frank C. Woodward, who will talk to them of "Browning and Tennyson Contrasted."

Dr. Woodward has been at the club on former occasions, and has made so excellent an impression that his engagement for to-morrow is looked forward to with great pleasure.

## SOCIAL REGISTER FOR SOUTHERN CITIES

The Social Register for the Southern cities, namely: Richmond, Norfolk, Chesapeake, Charleston, Savannah, Augusta and Atlanta, has just made its appearance. All these cities are under one cover, all

though each reserves its individuality. The system followed is similar to that which has proved so successful in the other cities covered by the Association, namely: New York, Washington, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, Baltimore and Buffalo. The Southern cities and Pittsburgh have been added this year.

The prominent families of each city, whether in town or the country or abroad, are grouped together under the name of the daughters and sons in the order of their age. Underneath are the names of the clubs and societies from 14 to 26. All the clubs and societies belong are represented by designating initials, and the university and graduating class of the men also appear.

With the address in part the telephone number, and in the back of the book, under the caption of "Married Maidens," which is an abbreviation of married names, maiden names, is a key to the present title of a married woman, who may only be remembered by her maiden name. Under the front cover of the book is found the "Directory of Domiciles," which contains the changes that may have occurred since the book went to press.

The use in the Social Register of small type in the Christian name of a daughter's deceased husband is for the purpose of distinguishing her from her daughter-in-law, and has been adopted as a substitute for the title senior, a title which has been objected to by those affected.

## The Richmond Cation.

The dance given by the Richmond Cation Club in the Masonic Temple Friday night last was attended by a number of this year's debutantes, was chaperoned by some of the handsomest young men in Richmond, and was led by Mr. John Parrish.

An excellent programme was rendered by the orchestra, and the German was succeeded by a handsome supper.

Among those present were: Mr. Richard T. Wilson, in blue and white silk, trimmed with lace and ribbon; necklace of turquoise beads.

Miss Lillian Bluff, in blue silk mull, trimmed with white lace.

Miss Mary Drake, in white organdy and white lace; tulle sash.

Miss Laura Rutherford, in white embroidered mull over white silk.

Mrs. Meade T. Spicer, in black silk net over white taffeta.

Miss Lucy Skelton, in white silk mull and lace over blue.

Miss Bertha Adamson, of Bon Air, in white organdy and lace with pink ribbons.

Miss Louise McAdams, in pink accordeon-pleated voile, point lace and pink chiffon.

Miss Charlotte Miller, in blue silk with white lace, blue girdle and ribbons.

Miss Edith Seymour, in white tulle and pink ribbons.

Miss Louise Herbert, in pink crepe embroidered, Dresden cash.

Miss Helen Stevens, in white lisse lace over blue silk.

Mrs. Geo. W. Stevens, in black crepe de chine and black lace.

Miss Fontaine, of Albemarle, in white organdy shirred and inserted with white lace; white satin girdle.

Miss Nannie Waddell, in white silk mull accordeon-pleated; white lace border.

Miss Nellie Gordon, in blue voile with white chiffon trimming.

Miss Linda Bargamin, in white silk shirred and accordeon-pleated.

Miss Anne Morris, in white organdy and white tulle sash.

Miss L. N. Jones, in white voile, trimmed with white lace.

Mrs. Stewart Woodward, in white silk, point lace and rouchings of white chiffon.

Mrs. R. H. Talley, in black lace; bertha of turquoise blue velvet and jet; pearl necklace.

Mrs. Arthur Cannon, in embroidered point d'esprit; duchesse lace bertha.

Mrs. Hardin Temple Burnley, in white silk, trimmed with lace and hand embroidery.

Arthur Cannon and Mr. Hardin Temple Burnley.

Smithdeal Society Keeps Christmas.

The Smithdeal College Literary and Musical Society yesterday gave its annual Christmas entertainment, which was a great success. The large lodge hall had been lighted and tastefully decorated with holly and running cedar, forming an appropriate wreath for an immense Christmas tree, holding gifts for all members of the society. These were distributed amid much applause, by a jolly round Santa Claus, whose Arctic costume and frosty beard were in excellent taste.

The excellent programme was received with deserved enthusiasm, after which the young ladies of the society served cake and hot chocolate. The following is the programme:

Christmas Carol—By the Society.

Orchestra—Violins, Mandolins, Guitars, Piano.

Recitation—"The Tuggles Family Invited to a Xmas Dinner"—By Miss Una Clement.

Guitar Trio—"Hawatha"—Messrs. Wilkerson, Haywood, Smithdeal.

Vocal Duo—Messrs. Goode and Blankenship.

Recitation—"Archie Dean"—Miss Grace.

Piano Duo—"Blush Rite"—Messrs. Banks and Duvlin.

Vocal Solo—Miss Mollie Watkins.

Piano Solo—"Midnight Fire Alarm"—Miss Banks.

Reading—"Major Jones' Xmas Present"—Mrs. Smithdeal.

Vocal Solo—"A Dream of Paradise"—Miss Robinson.

Violin Solo—"Il Trovatore"—Mr. S. Wolf.

Vocal Solo—Mr. Ernest Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Whitehead entertained a few friends at cards last Friday evening.

The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Guest, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tanner, Mr. J. A. Warfield, Mrs. Thomas Correll, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitlock, Mr. and Mrs. Sully Rold Anderson, Miss Rose Harrison, Miss Preston Womack, Mr. Sparrow Weddell and Mr. Thomas Correll.

The rooms were beautifully decorated in holly, running cedar and mistletoe wreaths and Christmas bells being suspended by red ribbon tied in bows.

After the game delicious refreshments were served on courses on the card tables.

Holly and Mistletoe.

Mrs. Cary Ellis Stern gave a reception (see from four to seven o'clock last afternoon, which was one of the prettiest affairs of last week.

Parlors, library, hall and dining room were beautifully and profusely decorated in Southern smilax, running pine, holly and mistletoe; windows being draped with festooned and mantels banked with the Christmas greenery. Silver candelabras with red and white candles lent a beautiful glow to the room.

The table decoration, an original conception of the hostess, showed Christmas bells in red, with festoons of red berries extending to the five points of a star-shaped centerpiece. Candelabra, with red candles resting on lace, stood in the center of the star, and clusters of marsh berries, outlined with running cedar, filled in point spaces.

Mrs. Stern, gowned in hand embroidered white, was assisted in receiving by her sister, Miss Emma Lewis Bove, who wore white silk open meshed canvas over blue liberty satin.

The table which held the punch bowl, prettily framed in an alcove formed by the stairway, was presided over by Mrs. W. G. Neale, in white crepe de chine, and Mrs. John Clifford Miller, in pale gray crepe de chine, with hand wrought trimmings.

Mrs. N. W. Bove, in a black lace robe, embroidered with jet, and Mrs. Muscoe Garnett, in black crepe de chine, with chiffon trimmings, posed chocolate.

Young ladies in the dining room were Miss Edith Grant, Miss Sophie White, Miss Elise Parkinson, Miss Sadie and Miss Walter Jeffers, Miss Julia Hyland, Miss Jessie Blythe, Miss Mary Frayer, Mrs. Bruce, Mrs. Stuart Bove and Mrs. Evan Chesterman.

Other notable entertainments of the week were: a reception given by Mrs. Walter H. Miles, of No. 923 West Franklin Street, Friday, at 6 P. M., in which the color scheme was developed in green and white; the debutante tea on Thursday, from 5 to 7 and from 9 to 11, at which Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Frazier introduced their debutante daughter, Miss Gladys Frazier, to society, and the tea given early in the week by Miss Lucy Chase Atkinson to the Old Dominion Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Morning Musicals.

The Ladies Morning Musical had its usual meeting on Thursday, with eight

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